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Thanks

... to those who supported last weekend's Country Fair, to the organisers, sponsors and kids. Your efforts were appreciated. A real team effort!

... to those who managed to find time to attend our junior and senior swimming sports this week.

.. to those who attended parent/teacher/student interviews.

... to Lucas Payne for the donation of the lovely artwork for our admin area.

People of the week

... those children who swam their hearts out in the pool this week.

... Rongopai Waru for an amazing piece of written work.

Term calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

7 March Interschool Swimming Sports (pp 9.3)

15 March Year 7 and 8 tennis doubles

23 March Kids Lit Quiz

24 March Year 7 and 8 vaccinations

13 April Final day of term 1

Triadic Conferences (parent / teacher / student interviews)

If you were unable to attend interviews, or if you would like to discuss any matter raised (or not raised) in greater depth, please make an appointment with your child's teacher. Teachers will be more than available to meet with parents throughout the year where you have questions or concerns. We suggest that you come in early so that small questions do not become big ones.

Learning Support

Mrs Comrie and Mrs Williams are available to meet with parents of children in Learning support programmes. This is a scarce resource and so please follow up at home with associated home learning (and condition of placement) and show a high level of interest in what your child is doing.

Interschool Swimming Sports - 7 March

If your child qualified for this event please return consent forms on Monday. Jenny Wiegiersma will be our team co-ordinator on the day (thanks Jen), but it is the responsibility of parents to transport and supervise their own children to/at this event. Any questions to Mrs Sinclair please. Matarau T-shirts and drink bottles a good idea.

Needing help with your child's digital device?

Mr D is happy to answer any questions you might have. He is at school Tuesdays and Fridays (Tuesday best day if dropping by) or he can be contacted via our school email.



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Items in last week's newsletter (Please access via our website or call the school office)

Headlice follow up

ICAS Competitions (whether or not to be involved)

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

Consent forms for the above competitions will be sent out next week. If you would like your child to receive a consent form please let your child know (or the office if you suspect they may have an aversion to the idea) and we will ensure they get a consent. Please return completed consents and exam fee at your nearest convenience. The English Exam is scheduled for 1 August and the Maths Exam for 15 August.

Cambridge programme - Year 7 and 8

If interested in knowing more about our senior Cambridge Programme there is a fair bit of information on our website. We plan a meeting at some stage soon for parents of children new to this programme, and for those with questions. So watch this space. (We have information trickling through that those exiting our Cambridge Programme have been very well prepared for High school).

School contributions and events fee

Thank you to those who have already paid school contributions and fees. Parents with outstanding school contributions and fees are asked to get these to the office at their nearest convenience please. The school contribution is voluntary, but the board encourages people to pay out of fairness to other families. The events fee is used to pay for visiting drama groups and special events but is not required where a parent requests that their child is exempted from these events. Happy to discuss alternative payment arrangements which make things easier for you. Thank you.

Sunday Chess

Sunday 12th March. Children - 10.30am to 12.30pm. Adults - 11am until finished.

Kensington Table Tennis Hall. Beginners and experienced players welcome, children and adults.

Gold coin donation appreciated, towards Hall expenses. These sessions are run about once a month by Diana Schaefer and her son, Oliver, who are chess enthusiasts. Queries : Marilyn Stafford 021 2649118

Sun Safety

Northland's sun can be pretty damaging, sometimes with awful long term consequences.

We do our best to ensure children without wide brimmed hats do not play out of the shade and children are given continual (daily) reminders to use sunblock if provided by parents.

Parents are asked to help please by ...

... considering sun safe clothing as an addition (or maybe alternative) for things like shoulders, arms, legs

... you may like to apply sunscreen each morning to your child, we understand on good authority that there is an 8 Hour sunblock which is highly effective, 50 plus protection (but not water resistant). **This normally retails for \$34 for 150 ml (quite expensive) but David's Pharmacy will sell this to you with a 10% discount if you say you are associated with Matarau School.**

2017 Curriculum Focus - Focus on our 2017 Charter.

In an earlier newsletter you were advised that written language and Multiple Intelligences would be significant focus areas in 2017. Some of you may know a little about Multiple Intelligences Theory ... if not a quick google might be helpful. A meeting will be held in the school library 3:15 PM on Thursday 9 March to discuss how we will use Multiple Intelligences to grow learning capacity and self awareness, and get children (and teachers) really excited about learning. If you would like to know more you are warmly invited to this meeting. If this time doesn't suit just contact Kevin for an alternative time.

Finally

I wouldn't expect you to know this but you might be interested at just how often a teacher drops by my office excited at a learning break-through in their class. Proof positive of how much they care!

Regards
Kevin Trewhella
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Community Notices

AgriKids – Northern Region Final. Kamo High School, 18 March 2017. Enter a team for a fun day. Must be 8+ years old. Contact Chevon Horsford on 021 0235 7844 or checkout agrikidsnz.co.nz

WANTED HOUSE TO RENT in Matarau / Ruatangata area for professional couple with 1 intermediate aged child. Please phone 0204 137 6787

Found – Black Cat, Near Otakairangi end of Matarau Road. Might have been missing for several weeks? Very friendly. Ph Anita on 433 5946 or 021 0297 9520

Kamo Junior Rugby is registering players for the 2017 season Rally day for players will be at club Tuesday March 7th at the following times JBN -JB2 5.30-6.30.pm; JB3-JB4 6.30-7.00pm; JB5 up 7.00pm- 8.00pm; Registrations close March 22nd To Register go online to www.sporty.co.nz/kamorsc and follow the instructions.

To Rent: Sunny 4 bdrm home, 2 bthrms, dbl gg + OSP, Wakelin St, 10 mins to Matarau Sch, all Kamo facilities, sports, doctors etc. Avail soon. Pls call Hana 0274352786

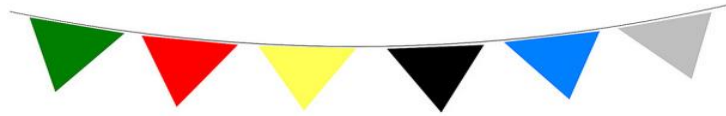
Year 1 - 2 Netball players needed to play for Matarau School

We have nearly four teams for this Netball season. Thank you for those who have returned their form. At this stage we have two year 3-4 teams and a year 5 team. There is also interest by a few year 1 - 2 students but unfortunately we don't have enough players to make a team at this stage. So, if you think your son or daughter is keen to play this season please come and see Miranda Pol for a form or ask at the office. Thank you.

Old Mobile Phones – please send in any old cell phones to the school office & we'll send them away for recycling. Thanks

Matarau School international students were welcomed by the Mayor last week. This was the first time that Matarau was part of the ceremony welcoming all international students from all schools in Whangarei.





2017 COUNTRY FAIR

THANK YOU

Everywhere I looked I saw happy faces. That is success in my eyes. A fantastic community working together towards the common goal - our school and children.

Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work and generosity in the lead up to and on the day. This event would not have been possible without everyone's contributions.

Success was also measured in the whopping \$14,000.00 raised for our school.

One of the board's priorities is to keep class numbers as low as possible. Funds raised will be used to maintain low class numbers to year's end.

We achieved so much on the day. Everyone should be very proud of their efforts. The Country Fair is now over for 2017 and we can reflect positively on our achievements. I know I have enjoyed the process and the result. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO EVERYBODY.

Jenny Wiegersma

Fundraising Co-ordinator BoT